

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 9009

By Clemmons

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Judith Tackett for her honorable service as director of the Metro Homeless Impact Division.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should specially recognize those estimable public servants who work to improve the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, one such exemplary individual is Judith Tackett, who has served with acumen and alacrity as the director of the Metro Homeless Impact Division since July 2017 and recently announced her resignation; and

WHEREAS, the former longtime head of the Metro Homelessness Commission, Judith Tackett is highly respected and admired by the homeless outreach and service provider community, having been called a "trusted, endlessly dedicated, strategic, compassionate, and innovative leader" by the nonprofit organization Open Table Nashville; and

WHEREAS, a true champion for the homeless, Judith Tackett has worked tirelessly to build an effective Housing Crisis Resolution System to prevent and end homelessness in Nashville; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure with the Metro Homeless Impact Division, Ms. Tackett has made a number of notable achievements, including the development of a coordinated database to track homelessness in Davidson County and the merger of two separate government entities involved with homelessness services; and

WHEREAS, working to unite the public and private sectors, she has been a vocal advocate for more investment in low-income, low-barrier housing and for Nashville to rethink its

leadership structure around homelessness as recommended by the Affordable Housing Task Force; and

WHEREAS, born in Switzerland, Judith Tackett moved to the United States in the 1990s to complete her studies in journalism and political science. She holds a Master of Science degree in Mass Media Communications and a Master of Arts degree in Civic Leadership from Lipscomb University; and

WHEREAS, Judith Tackett is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that has earned Tennessee recognition as the Volunteer State, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Judith Tackett for her distinguished and astute service as the director of the Metro Homeless Impact Division and salute her unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.